

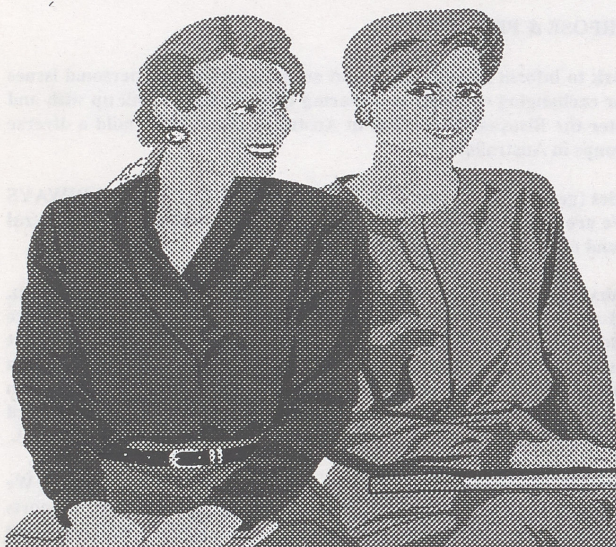
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Bi Women meet on Sunshine Coast

New group, Bi Fem, forms in SE Qld.

BAM Bi Women's Group in Melbourne.

Coming Out on OzBi, the new Internet list.

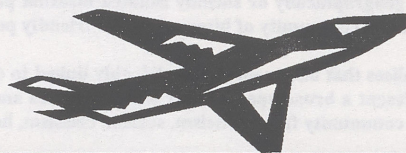
Bi Women's Brochure produced by ABN.

NZ's Wellington Bi Women's Group writes history
for the Down Under Project Bi Anthology.

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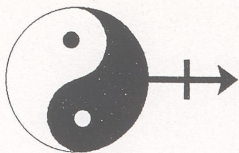
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News From the Internet. More News & Views. Bi Personals. plus what's on & coming up.*



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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & PRINCIPLES

National BIWAYS is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality and bisexual people, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people and groups in Australia.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that National BIWAYS will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the contents of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of pedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies. We support the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of the individual to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the right of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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The Australian Bisexual Network, Bisexual Youth Forum, the Bisexual Community Centre and National BIWAYS are unfunded and rely on your support to keep going. We welcome submissions of material for publication; assistance with production; involvement in Network and group activities; individual and community financial or "in kind" support.

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EDITORIAL

Greetings once again and apologies for another late issue. ABN trusts that you will all bear with us during our period without an official office and Centre. Welcome to new members and readers.

Did you notice the new address label on your envelope last issue and again this issue. They were produced on the new computer system purchased for the Centre with funding from the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund of Queensland.

The labels also show your Membership Number and the month and year your membership falls due for renewal. If this has been highlighted then your membership is now due or may be overdue. To continue to receive Biways and help support the work of ABN, please pay your membership fee promptly.

As you will read in my article on the Bisexual Centre, it closed on September 24th. Lobbying for funding and support is still taking place at local, state and federal levels. Securing funding for ABN and a new Centre may be a slow process and there appears to be plenty of sexual politics involved too. On a brighter note, the GLBT Anti-Violence Council of Queensland has approached ABN about lodging funding submissions to Family Services for a shared Centre. Investigations still continue on the possibility of a Rainbow Centre for the GLBT Communities. Toehold, the gay youth group and BLYSS, the lesbian youth group, recently opened their own Community Centre for queer youth at West End in Brisbane. Funded by Queensland Health, it is a first and ABN congratulates both groups on this milestone achievement. ABN may organise their Brisbane bisexual youth gatherings at this Centre. A HIV Positive youth group and an Asian gay youth group already meet at the Centre.

ABN is a national organisation and to seek national support and funding we need not only the support of members but all the other Bisexual people that make contact with ABN. If every bi person that contacts ABN by mail or telephone was to join ABN we would have a membership of many hundreds of women and men and a powerful lobbying tool for seeking national support and funding.

To our members, your continued support is greatly appreciated and to those who are up for membership renewal, we ask you to join up for another year as we need your ongoing support.

If you are a new reader of National Biways, please consider joining ABN as a financial member. You may feel you do not need to become a member of the Australian Bisexual Network, to get involved at even this level but ABN needs you. To receive the respect and recognition of both government community agencies we need to show we have the support and backing of a diverse Bisexual Community from across the country. For just \$20 a year or \$15 if you are a student, unemployed or on a pension, you can become a full member of ABN and receive National Biways at the same time as helping ABN secure funding and provide services to the Bisexual Community through-out Australia.

A membership form is enclosed with this issue of National Biways. We invite you to fill it in and send it along with your payment to us at PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Queensland 4030. Should you decide not to join, please consider forwarding a donation to ABN so that we can continue our outreach work in reaching other bisexual people.

SOME STATISTICS ON CALLS TO ABN's 1800 FREE CALL NUMBER.

ABN has operated a free call 1800 number since December 1993 with Queensland wide access upgraded to national access in January 1995. In about May 1995, access was restricted to callers outside the Brisbane (07) area. The calls below are therefore from outside the local Brisbane area. The difference in rates are due to the length of each call and the time of day and day they are made. Service charge on the 1800 is \$20 per month.

24 Aug to 21 Sep--114 calls--7 h 38 m---\$128.48

Each call averaged just over 4 minutes. The National Phone-In was in this period.

24 Sep to 23 Oct--148 calls--5h 4m 55 s--\$ 76.00

Each call in this period averaged just over 2 minutes. The monitoring system records all calls to the number and therefore hang-up call are registered. The second period above is after the Centre has closed and shows an extensive increase in the number of calls which can be partly due to greater activity by people as the days become longer and warmer.

BISEXUAL CENTRE UPDATE

Our national information, resource and drop-in centre, the Bisexual Community Centre in Brisbane closed and vacated the premises at the end of October. Thank-you letters were given to both the Medical Centre and the owners of the building. Letters were faxed out to the Queensland Health Minister and Commonwealth Health Minister on August 8th requesting assistance to rent new premises. While some contact and dialog was established with the Queensland Health Minister's office, no response was received from the Federal minister's office despite a follow up letter sent on September 24th. Such a lack of response by a Federal minister's office staff is unprofessional.

Letters seeking support were faxed to the Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor and Councilor Hincliffe, Queensland Family Services Minister, ALP Federal Members and Senators for Queensland, all Democrat Senators, some NSW parliamentarians, the presidents of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations and the AIDS Councils in Qld and NSW and the heads of branches of Qld Health. Most could not even acknowledge receipt of our letter. Responses were received from the Lord Mayor, Councilor Hincliffe, NSW Health Minister, NSW Health Dept., Senators Kernot, Woodley and Reynolds and the Hon. Arch Bevis, Member for Brisbane. The fact that some politicians fail to reply might be expected but one would have expected some support or at least concern from such bodies as AFAO and our AIDS Councils. It would appear that the politics of bisexuality is a VERY real issue.

On October 20th Federal Cabinet meet in Brisbane and a dinner was held that night for the faithful to hear the PM speak. I secured a ticket to that dinner (\$25 plus drinks) at which I took the opportunity to speak briefly with Dr. Lawrence, Federal Health Minister. Dr. Lawrence instructed me to contact her office and speak with a particular staff member the following week. At the time of going to press, I have made contact (on the third call) and this

person will investigate our situation and get back to me. It is a start and there are possibilities for funding.

At a meeting with the Honorable Member for Brisbane, Arch Bevis in early October, Mr. Bevis informed me of possible funding for a national secretariat. Application forms have been obtained and must be in by January 1996. This would be for secretariat operations only and ABN must prove it has a national focus, membership and relevance to the policy of the Department of Human Services & Health..

You can still throw in your support by writing, telephoning or faxing a message calling on the Federal Minister for Human Services and Health, Dr. Carmen Lawrence to find funds for the Australian Bisexual Network to operate nationally and re-establish the Bisexual Community Centre as the national office, information and resource centre. You may also wish to contact your Federal Member of Parliament or Senator and seek their support in lobbying Dr. Lawrence.

Carmen Lawrence: tel 06-2777220; fax 06-2734146

What ABN must now do is seek Federal incorporation and formalise it's national secretariat, the National Council. If you are interested in becoming more involved in ABN then perhaps you would like to be on the National Council. There are still vacancies for positions on the National Council. If you are interested then do contact ABN by post or telephone us on 07- 38572500.

**HAVE YOU JOINED THE
AUSTRALIAN BISEXUAL NETWORK
OR IS YOUR RENEWAL DUE ?**

**Please consider taking out a membership
or renewing for another 12 months.**

*Your Membership could help ABN
secure funding.*

**It will help ABN continue to provide
information and services and
you will receive National Biways
for only \$20 pa.**

Getting Out of the House.

With the longer and warmer days of Spring and the approaching Summer, more women are once again coming out and getting involved in bisexual networks and women's groups. ABN has had a large number of calls recently from women and 50% of incoming mail for information and Biways is from women.

Here in sunny Brisbane, ABN has operated an on again, off again women's group for the past two years. Chris first organised the women's activities from mid 1993. Kelly also became involved for a while. Julia took up organising women's days at the New Farm Bi Centre early in 1995 and after she went to Mount Isa, this was carried on by Brenda.

On the Gold Coast, Cindy organised events for Bi women there and was later helped by Cathy, Robyn and Margaret. On the Sunshine Coast, Lisa organised a few women's gatherings at Noosa. In Sydney, the Bi Network there has also held a few women's socials over recent years. Sabina in Adelaide is one of ABN's national youth officers.

In the Brisbane Area.

With a growing number of women from the Brisbane area contacting the Centre after Winter, Lynn, a new member organised a women's meeting at the Centre in September. At a follow up social at the Three Monkey's Coffee & Tea House in early October, a new group called BiFem was formed. Julie and Liane have also become involved in the staging of social events for BiFem. At their last social on October 29th, a lunch, 12 women attended with several others expressing interest in the next event. This will be a Pizza and Video night at Julie's on November 11th. A discussion evening is planned for November 25th followed by a Christmas BBQ on December 9th. Women from Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan, Redlands and Deception Bay have made an effort and supported BiFem events. Community announcements in suburban newspapers has allowed greater publicity of BiFem events and a more diverse group of bisexual women access to the bisexual women's group, information and the Network. Details can be obtained by calling ABN on (07) 38572500.

On the Sunshine Coast.

On October 7th two Bi women on the Sunshine Coast north of Brisbane organised separate social activities. Cecile from the northern coast region organised a women's night out in Mooloolaba. Kim from the hinterland organised a mixed queer social at Maleny. Cecile and Kim have joined forces to organise a Bi women's nite at a Coolumb Beach cafe on Nov 4th. For more information contact ABN.

Bi Women in Focus

In Melbourne.

Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne (BAM) has established a Women's Discussion Group which is a safe, confidential and non-judgmental space for women to discuss issues around bisexuality. The women's group is open to all women but exists primarily to discuss issues of relevance to bisexual women. Topics of discussion may include bisexual identities, coming out, relationship negotiations, monogamy - non monogamy, being a bisexual mother, Bisexual feminism, resources, safer sex, is there a bisexual look or should there be.

Discussion groups are held on the last Sunday of each month usually at a pub in Fitzroy with alternating times of 3 to 6pm and 6 to 8pm. Beky, Beth and Lee-Ann co-ordinate events, one of whom will always be present. For details of location and times, information can be obtained by calling BAM on (03) 98770244.

On OzBi.

OzBi is a new Internet discussion & readers group primarily for Australian Bisexuals. All sorts of topics are discussed or debated, information is shared, social events publicised and Bi people come out to each other. There are quite a few bisexual women on the list from Anna in Perth to Raven and Kirsty in Melbourne and Cath in Sydney and even Sara, all the way over in Canada. Another group on the Net is AusGBLF for gays, bisexuals, lesbians and friends. There is BIACT-L for bisexual activists and there are also lists set up for Bi women. Then there are the Usenet newsgroups moderated from the USA or the UK such as soc.bi and soc.support.youth.gay-lesbian-bi. Details on how to subscribe to OzBi can be found elsewhere in this issue.

From Wellington, NZ.

Jacki from the Wellington Bisexual Women's Group has sent over a short history of the group and a group photo for inclusion in ABN's Down Under Bi Anthology Project. Make sure you get your own story or group's history in before the cut off date.

Women, Bisexuality and Sexual Health.

New brochure produced & available from ABN.

Conferencing

Participating and networking at conferences are an important in that more people are made aware of the Australian Bisexual Network and our services, bisexuality is made more visible and becomes a topic for discussion, our issues and concerns can be raised and discussed and vital contacts for funding and support can be developed.

Toehold & Blyss Community Centre.

Toehold is the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth group but is predominantly young gay men orientated while Blyss is the young lesbian social support group but welcomes young Bi women. The groups obtained Queensland Government funding this year to establish their own queer community youth centre. This was officially opened at West End on October 6th. Ian from ABN's Bi youth group and Wayne attended the opening. This was important for visibility and networking.

Prior to the official opening ABN was invited to speak on bisexuality at one of the Toehold discussion nights in September. Mae-Ling and George from ABN's youth group went along to speak on bisexuality from a young person's perspective. Reports indicate their talk was well received and a donation of articles on bisexuality, brochures and National Byways magazines were made to the Centre.

Conference on Emerging Gay & Lesbian Communities in Australia & Asia.

This conference was held at the University of Sydney on September 28 & 29th. Wayne flew down to Sydney for this conference which he found interesting and valuable in that he was able to raise the issue of bisexuality in these communities, that a bisexual identity is as valid as that of gay or lesbian and he was able to network with individuals and representatives from groups and communities in or previously from China, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, New Zealand and Australia. Brochures on bisexuality and National Byways magazines left for participants to pick up at will, all went, indicating an interest in bisexuality and an openness to bisexual identities. Newsletters from groups in Indonesia and China were obtained for ABN's library. Lobbying for funds to re-open the Bisexual Centre was also undertaken and has resulted in the opening up of dialog with one section of Commonwealth Health.

National Conference on Violence Against Gays and Lesbians.

This conference was also held at Sydney Uni on October 27 & 28th and organised by the Australian Institute of Criminology. While the focus was again on lesbians and gay men, several speakers included the words bisexuals and transgendered people in their presentations. Wayne attended and officially spoke at a Community Perspectives workshop on Violence against Bisexuals - the Invisible Statistics. From feed back this appeared to be well received. Wayne was also able to speak out at the closing plenary, for the need of organisations to recognise bisexual men and women and address the issues of violence, bi/homophobia and heterosexism faced by many bisexual people.

Again the conference was a valuable forum for raising the visibility of bisexuality, our issues and concerns, the profile of ABN and networking. A bonus was making contact with Marie, a Bi woman from Newcastle. Marie is keen to develop greater awareness of bisexuality and visibility in the Newcastle area of New South Wales.

The Sydney Bisexual Support Network also organised another get together at Munro's house on the Saturday night. Wayne felt it was great to catch up with Linda, Mary-Ann, Cath, Jane, Hock, Mike and others he had not met before. On the Sunday Wayne attended the national meeting of the Australian Council for Lesbian & Gay Rights as an observer. Again this was a valuable networking and visibility exercise.

NSW HIV/AIDS Health Promotion Conference.

This conference will take place at Potts Point in Sydney on November 8 to 10th. Wayne will again be flying to Sydney to represent ABN and bisexual people's interests. Several key speakers will be speaking on their research studies of "men who have sex with men" and non-gay identifying men who have sex with men. A professor from Peru will speak on Bisexual Men in Peru. This will be a valuable opportunity to network further locally and internationally. Discussion with a representative from Commonwealth Health's HIV Education Unit has also been arranged and Wayne's registration fee has gratefully been paid for by this Unit.

International Bisexual Symposium.

This will be held in Berlin, Germany from May 24 to 27th 1996. Wayne has committed himself to presenting a workshop. Registration details are in this issue and more information is available from the Australian Bisexual Network.

Hurry! Hurry! Last Chance.

The Down Under Project

The Australian Bisexual Network proposed the Down Under Project back in October 1993. The aim of the Project was to invite submissions of personal stories, histories, poetry, drawings and the like which would form Australasia's first bisexual anthology. Publication of material received to date was put on hold because it was felt more personal stories were required, lack of time and resources to collate the material and uncertainty over costs of self publishing. ABN is pleased to announce that Cath Lawrence, ABN member of Sydney has volunteered to fill the position of editor.

Further submissions from bisexual women and men, their partners, parents or siblings who reside or resided in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Norfolk Island or the South Pacific, will be accepted up until November 1995. Bisexual Groups are also encouraged to submit articles about their formation, history, campaigns or submit photographs from social and political events. We require personal stories from bisexual people that also reflect the diversity of our bisexuality, cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds, relationships, age, acceptance etc. Items can be of any length but large pieces of work may be edited down to a manageable size for publishing. Real or pen names can be used for the published work but so that we can follow up any editing queries your name, and a contact address must be submitted with your work. All authors whose work is accepted for publication will receive a copy of the finished publication.

Material for the Down Under Project should be sent to:-

**Down Under Project
PO Box 490
Lutwyche
Queensland
Australia 4030**

or E-Mail to
C.Lawrence@unsw.edu.au

**HAVE YOUR STORY TOLD.
IT MAY HELP OTHERS.**

RESOURCES.

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AUSTRALIAN BISEXUAL NETWORK
Australian Bisexual Youth Forum
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Bisexual Community Centre is not in operation at the present time but you can still write to or telephone ABN

**PO BOX 490 LUTWYCHE QUEENSLAND
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(07) 38572500**

ABN is a national body for bisexual men, women, partners/families and bi and bi-friendly groups in Australia; is a member of International Lesbian & Gay Association; on the Australian Council for Gay & Lesbian Rights (Qld. Network).

ABN aims to:-

- foster the development of a bisexual movement/community in Australia & national/international networking & information sharing;
 - link up socially and geographically isolated bisexual people;
 - provide a voice on bisexual issues & rights & undertake research;
 - develop a sense of pride and understanding in being bisexual;
 - promote HIV/AIDS awareness, safe sex and sexual health education;
 - advocate on behalf of bisexual people and their partners & families;
 - produce a bi-monthly national news magazine by & for bisexual people;
 - develop a national bisexual archives, resource & community centre.
- For any information or support contact the ABN on
(07) 38572500 or from outside Brisbane on 1800-653223.

Regional

QUEENSLAND: Queensland Bisexual Network:

PO Box 490 Lutwyche Qld. 4030 (07) 38572500

- **Brisbane:** Wayne (07) 38572500 a/h;
- **Gold Coast-Tweed:** David (07) 55271152 a/h;
- **Rockhampton:** Dolour (079) 277369
- **For all women's & youth groups and Qld. country areas including Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture, Mackay, Mount Isa Townsville & Cairns:** call ABN on (07) 38572500 or 1800-653223.

NEW SOUTH WALES: Sydney Bisexual Support Network:

PO Box 645 Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 - 24hr Info
0055-25926

- **Women Partners of Bisexual Men Support Group:**
PO Box 429 Narrabeen NSW 2101 Sara (02) 2062026

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY:

Canberra Regional Bisexual Network: PO Box 458
Civic Square Canberra ACT 2608

VICTORIA: Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne:

PO Box 38 Clifton Hill Vic. 3068 (03) 98770224 Mon-Tue 8-11pm

- **Australian Bisexual Men's Association Inc:**
The Franklin Centre 14A Churchill Street Mont Albert VIC 3127
(03) 98901068, GAMMA Project & GAMMA-LINE counselling for bisexual & gay married men & their partners (03) 98990509
- **Families of Gay Lesbian & Bisexual People:** PO Box 2044 Kew VIC 3101 Linda (03) 98536614

TASMANIA: Hobart Bisexual Support Network:

Michael Dobber c/- TGLRG, GPO Box 1733 Hobart TAS 7001

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Adelaide Bisexual Collective:

PO Box 3391 Rundell Mall Adelaide SA 5000
Sabina (08) 3525715;

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Western Australian Bisexual

Network: information, no social activities
PO Box 1167 Canning Vale WA 6155; Ian or
Graham (09) 3542737 a/h

- **ENIGMA:** Support for past & present spouses of bisexuals (09) 4178935 or (09) 4465092.

Beats are part of gay and bisexual male culture. They are a heterosexual construction. They have developed out of oppression and the need for men in a heterosexual society to express sexual intimacy with each other and still maintain their heterosexual image to that society that would label them faggots, outcasts, criminals or worse. Anonymous sex also comes at a price. Beat goers have been subjected to entrapment, arrest, bashings, murder, disease and outing to family and society and in the media.

Police in New South Wales at least have made a move to de-criminalise beat use but at the same time reduce the violence occurring to those who seek out

On the Beat

sex at the many locations in city and rural beats through-out that State. It is a positive move that other States should also adopt. It appears South Australian police could learn a thing or two from their NSW counterparts. At the recent Sydney conference on Violence against Gays and Lesbians, representatives from federal and state forces except Tasmania and the Northern Territory were present.

Policing the beats

DOMINIC O'GRADY

Police who investigate complaints about gay men at beats have been told covert operations are out of the question unless they have written approval from their patrol commander.

Police have also been warned that evidence obtained from covert operations at beats "will inevitably be excluded by the courts" and could lead to allegations of entrapment or "agent provocateur".

Police should give priority to using marked vehicles and uniformed officers when investigating complaints about beat sex.

The instructions come from NSW Police Commissioner Tony Lauer, and appear in a 'commissioners circular' published in the *Police Service Weekly*. Lauer has directed all police investigating complaints about beats to take account of the new instructions.

The secretary of the NSW Police Association, Lloyd Taylor, said the new instructions have not disturbed police.

According to Lauer, police should adopt, where appropriate, a "joint problem-solving approach" by liaising with gay and lesbian liaison officers, the Health Department, and the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON).

Lauer says covert operations should only be approved after careful consideration of the nature and number of complaints. Complaints of assault rather than sexual activity could justify an undercover operation.

In a statement issued this week, NSW Police assistant commissioner Alf Peate said the new instructions were a "significant landmark, and should ensure the long history of conflict between police and beat users will come to an end".

Peate chairs a working party set up in response to concerns about police activity at beats raised by ACON, and Sue Thompson — the police gay and lesbian liaison consultant. The working party monitors police activity and seeks to improve relationships between police and the gay and lesbian community.

From Capital &

'Stress relief' rural risk

DOMINIC O'GRADY

Married rural men who use gay beat sex as "stress relief" are at high risk of HIV, rape and bashing, according to a national study of rural men's health.

The study also cites homophobia as a significant problem for rural men. It says the "faltering sense of manhood" experienced by men who have beat sex but don't identify as gay encourages workaholicism, and reliance on drugs, conspicuous alcohol consumption and sexual conquest.

Researcher Bill O'Hehir interviewed 2,000 rural men for the federally-funded project, *Men's Health, Uncovering the Mystery*. At least 10 percent of the men O'Hehir talked to sometimes have sex with other men, usually at beats, but do not identify as gay or see themselves at risk of HIV.

The men O'Hehir interviewed were often married and didn't see their homosexual activity as an infidelity, but considered it "stress relief". Many believed themselves to be immune from HIV because they see it as a "coastal disease" belonging to the gay community. They told O'Hehir they tend to regard AIDS councils as gay organisations and are reluctant to approach them for information

or advice about HIV/AIDS.

The study coincides with the launch this week of an AIDS Council of NSW (ACON) campaign calling on heterosexual women to take greater control of their protection against HIV and other STDs.

Research suggests about 76 percent of men have sex outside their marriage during the first five years.

O'Hehir's report calls for "significant investigation" into rural men who have sex with men but don't identify as gay.

In his report's preface, O'Hehir states: "Lack of education, poor self awareness and masculine myths mean that men tend to suffer in silence."

"Carmen Lawrence, when she came to office, stated that she did not see the need for men to have Men's Health Centres. In reality, men require centres or clinics more than women."

"This research has uncovered that women have a spontaneous reaction to symptoms and tend to seek medical advice for even minor symptoms. Males carry their problems with them, and as such, are contributing to their own early demise."

O'Hehir is developing a training manual based on his research findings which will be circulated to rural GPs and health workers.

Police Crack Down on Beats

Under cover police are still cruising the Somerton beach. *Adelaide GT* has been informed that some quite attractive police officers wearing belt attire and driving unmarked police cars have been wandering in and out of the Somerton beat. *Adelaide GT* further understands that the under cover police have entrapped some men.

Under cover police were also believed to have been active at the toilets at Maslins Beach on Sunday the 15th October. Apart from three males, a female also formed part of this exercise.

Uniformed police have also mounted a surveillance operation at the Rundle Street beat. Police have questioned a number of men after they left the

toilet facility:-

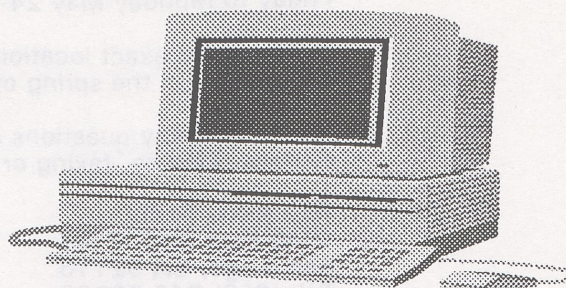
In New South Wales, police have come to an understanding with the gay community that undercover operations for entrapment will only be used in rare circumstances and normally uniformed police in marked patrol cars would patrol the beats. It is thought that a more obvious police presence would deter unlawful activities at beats, including gay bashings.

It is lawful in South Australia for the police to use entrapment at beats. Whilst there is no offence committed by going to a beat to meet someone, if any sexual activity takes place, the police will lay charges.

Stephen Bourke

From Adelaide GT.

From the Internet



From: KYUB40C
To: RobertW
Subject: Info for National Biways Magazine
Date: Wednesday, 11 October 1995 1:25AM

Hi Wayne,
Great, so here goes.

As chair of the Straight Spouse Support Network for PFLAG and beyond, I was in contact with a support group for wives of husbands with AIDS in NSW, run by Sara Lubowitz. We lost track of the group, and I'd still like to make connections with any support groups for wives and husbands (or former spouses) of gay, lesbian, and bi persons in Australia. There's much we can all share. So... any ideas of how to spread the word on that? Meanwhile, if my nine year research and book on what happens to straight spouses and children when gay, lesbian, or bi mates come out could be of use to you or the publications you mention, let me know and I'll do my best. (Now, that's a long sentence. It's getting late here.) Our goal is to help bridge the gap in understanding among all parties and encourage constructive resolution to the problems. As you know, the straight spouse becomes a forgotten part of the puzzle.

So glad my third attempt worked.

Cheers, Amity

From: owner-ozbi
To: ozbi
Subject: Re: Let's spread the word!
Date: Friday, 6 October 1995 7:55PM

ANNOUNCING OZBI - A NEW MAILING LIST

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ozbi is a new mailing list for bisexual people, their partners, friends and supporters in Australia. Overseas bisexuals are also welcome, since we're such an inclusive lot. =) You don't even have to be sure whether or not you are bisexual. As long as your mind is open to people who are attracted to people regardless of their gender, you're very welcome. If you're not so open minded, then maybe subscribing will help you get better. =)

For full details about ozbi, send an e-mail message to:

Majordomo@bizo.biz.usyd.edu.au

Leave the subject heading blank, and put "info ozbi" in the body of the message. Full details will be e-mailed to you shortly afterwards.

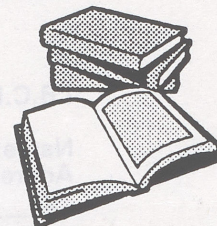
To subscribe to ozbi, send an e-mail message to the same address, and put "subscribe ozbi <your e-mail address>" in the body of the message.

From: owner-biact-l
To: Multiple recipients of list BIACT-L
Subject: BASH web page
Date: Sunday, 29 October 1995 11:16AM

Bisexuals Action on Sexual Health now has its own web page:
<http://theory.doc.ic.ac.uk/~kcl/bash.html>

Anyone with useful links to suggest please let me know -- I'd like to make this as comprehensive as possible and a starting point for anyone interested in bisexual activism around HIV and AIDS.

Thanks,
Kevin



Hot titles from The Haworth Press!

- *The Bisexual Option* (Fritz Klein, MD). A study that replaces the mythology and ignorance around bisexuality with scientific insight and knowledge.

- *The Way of the Woman Writer* (Janet Lynn Roseman, editor). Ideal for women who want to write, but don't know where to begin. Reveals the concerns, needs, and feminist issues of women writers and our unique writing and internal process.

- *Racism in the Lives of Women* (Jeanne Adleman, editor). With personal material, this book engages the mind with theoretical and practical approaches to anti-racism in professional places as well as the personal life.

- *Women's Spirituality, Women's Lives* (Judith Ochshorn). Examines the connection between feminist spirituality and its contributions to the establishment of women's mental health. Stimulated from discussions between feminist therapists and feminist theologians/ritualists.

- *Biology of Sexual Preference* (John P. DeCecco). Describes, reviews, and questions recent biological research on sexual orientation.

From "Bi Women"

THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL BISEXUAL CONFERENCE
will take place in BERLIN on
Friday to Monday May 24-27, 1996

Details as to exact location in Berlin and directions to reach it will be
sent to you in the spring of 1996.

If you have any questions or need any assistance you can get in touch by
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Following are the registration fees for the conference:

Before March 1, 1996:
Regular: \$55
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Student: \$50

(The fees include the socials but do not include meals.)

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A non-digest (direct mail) version of this list is also available; to
subscribe to that instead, replace all instances of "spouse-support-digest"
in the commands above with "spouse-support".

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

Friday, May 24 - 6 pm:
Registration and a get acquainted social

Saturday, May 25:
Day: Registration, plenary session, lunch then workshops, talks, and panels.
Evening: Films, theatre and readings

Sunday, May 26:
Day: Short plenary session followed by workshops etc.
Lunch, then more lectures, panels, etc.
Evening: The big Party and Disco

Monday, May 27:
Morning: Final plenary session
Lunch
Afternoon: sightseeing

TALKS PANELS AND WORKSHOPS

There will be many subjects covered at the 4th Intl. Bi Conf.. For the first time many bisexuals from the E. European countries will be attending.

As of this time some of the speakers and workshop leaders who are going to be there are:

AMERICA - Wayne Bryant, Ron Fox, Lani Kaahumanu,
Fritz Klein, Robyn Ochs, Regina Reinhardt
ENGLAND - Clare Hemmings
GERMANY - Ulrich Gooss, Thomas Grossmann, Jurgen Hohn,
Brigitte Honnens, Haydar Karatepe,
HOLLAND - Tanne de Goei, Corinna Gekeler,
POLAND - Piotr Brodacki
SCOTLAND - Alison Rowan

TOPICS

Some of the topics to be covered are: Bi Research, Bi Movement in UK, Many Faces of Bi Relationships, Bis in film, Intimacy, Theorizing Bi Spaces, Bis in Latin America

AND MANY MORE

including a workshop by Wayne Roberts from the Australian Bisexual Network.

ACCOMODATIONS

There are available a limited number of 2-4 bed accomodations in various hostels around town at about \$20 a night in addition to some free private apartments. Places are being reserved for foreign participants in order to cut their costs.

As Berlin tends to be a busy city, reservations for hotels should be booked as soon as possible. Give days of arrival and departure as well as standard of hotel and approximate amount of money willing to be spent per night.

For all accomodations write:
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Bisexuality

is the wild card of our erotic life. Now it's coming out in the open—in pop culture, in cyberspace and on campus. But can you really have it both ways? BY JOHN LELAND

STEVEN AND LORI ARE WHAT YOU might call the marrying type. They met on the first day of freshman orientation at the University of Chicago in 1988. By Thanksgiving, she was taking him home to meet her family; the following year they got engaged. This May they celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

In their one-bedroom apartment in Hyde Park, a collegiate affair down to the cinder-block bookshelves, Steven and Lori, now both 24, have developed an almost telepathic relationship. If anyone tells one of them anything, they joke, the other knows about it immediately. But during their freshman year, Steven says, he used to go off on his own every so often. "I think I told you I was going to a Democratic Socialist meeting," he recalls to Lori. He was really going to a campus gay and lesbian support group. Ste-

ven had come to college with a "practically nonexistent" romantic life, but a clear attraction to both men and women. After one of the group meetings, he decided to come clean to Lori.

STEVEN: [I said] Lori, I have something to tell you.

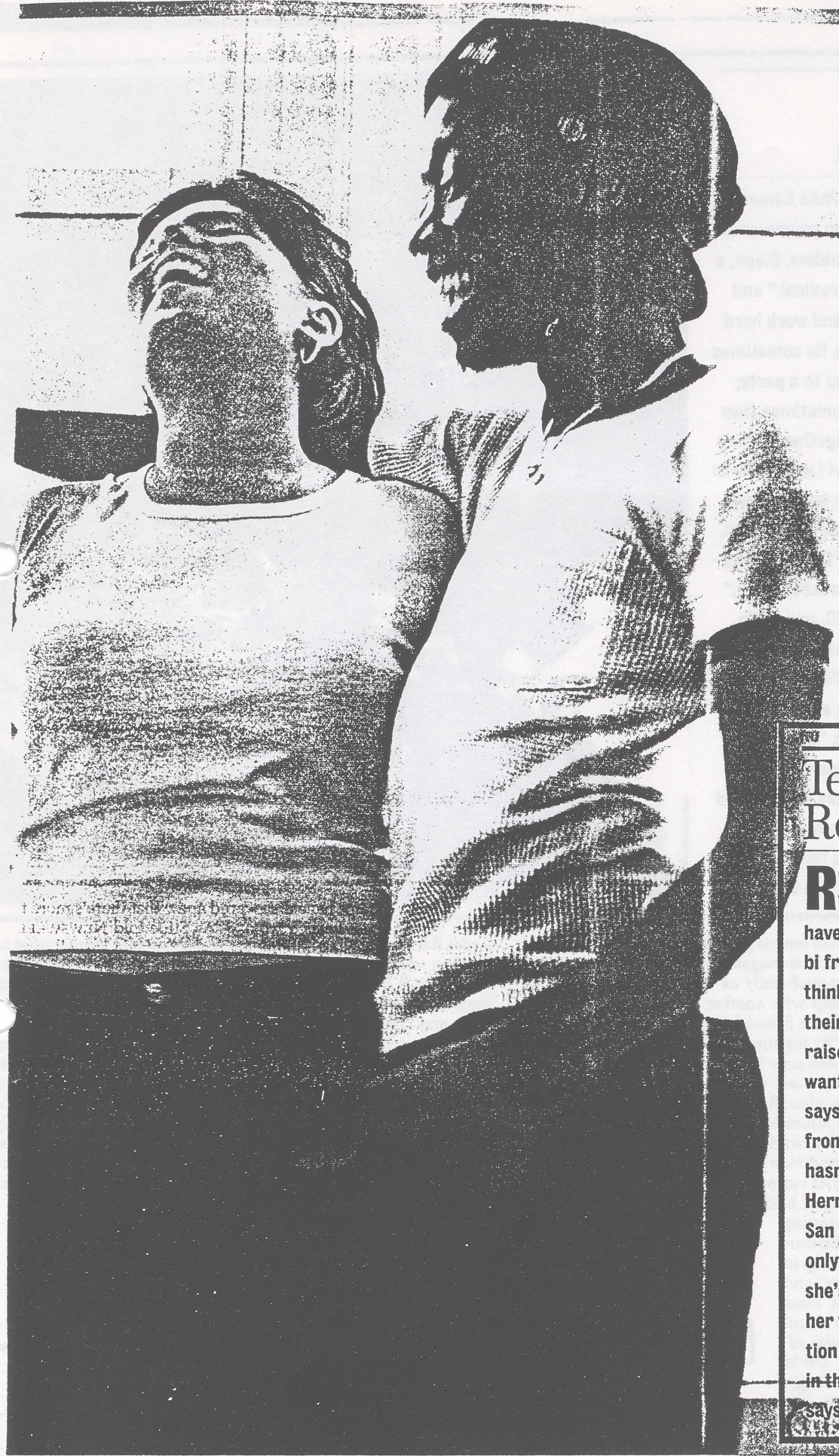
LORI: At which point, I thought he had cancer.

STEVEN: And I told her, and her response was "Oh, is that all?"

LORI: Yeah, it's not like cancer, after all. After that big buildup, it's like, gee, that's not a big deal.

When the couple got married at city hall last year, perhaps the most relieved person in the Midwest was Lori's mother. "Now she thinks I'm going to behave," says Lori. She says this with a playful smirk. In the years before their marriage—during their engagement—Lori had a serious relationship with another woman, and Steven had





Teresa and Ronnell

Ronnell Caprice Hunt and Teresa Hernandez (left) have a large, active circle of bi friends. But they don't think they can be open with their families. "You're raised so that you don't want to disappoint people," says Caprice, 25, a dancer from Stockton, Calif., who hasn't told any relatives. Hernandez, 23, a student at San Francisco State, has told only a few people, although she's known she's been bi her whole life. Her orientation carries an extra stigma in the Latino community, she says. "People judge you."

Stephen and Linda

Stephen Getman and Linda Kamenetsky look just like the couple next door—and that's the problem. Steph, a self-described "gender radical," and Linda are both bisexual and work hard to establish that identity. He sometimes wears dresses or makeup to a party; she'll slip on a tuxedo. Sometimes they paint their fingernails together. "There is no doubt I'm a man, but I would like to see the bounds of what's appropriate for that gender expanded," Steph says. "I picture Stephen under the car changing the brake pads with a lace top on," says Linda. Both Steph, 30, and Linda, 47, have been married, as well as in serious gay relationships. They've been together for three years and, while committed to each other, "we're open to incorporating a third person," says Steph, who works for a gay, lesbian and bi Roman Catholic advocacy group in Washington. "Sexuality is fluid. There is no such thing as normal," he says.



one with another man. Their marriage now is a home invention that they describe as "body-fluid monogamous." In conversation, they discuss condoms as matter-of-factly as the weather. Lori has an ongoing sexual relationship with another man and is looking for another woman; Steven has a friendship with a man that is sometimes sexual. Lori says, "At the time that I was coming out I was more interested in men, and now I'm more interested in women." Steven is "much more interested" in men right now. He still has sex with his wife, but he now identifies himself as gay, though he also calls himself a "once and future bisexual."

Bisexuality is the hidden wild card of our erotic culture. It is what disappears when we divide desire into gay and straight, just as millions of Americans of various ethnic origin disappear when we discuss race in terms of black and white. Now, in scattered pockets, bisexuality is starting to become more visible. Bisexual characters have popped up in TV series like "Roseanne" and "Melrose Place" and in films like "Three of Hearts" and "Threesome." Two decades after Mick Jagger and David Bowie flaunted their androgynous personas, pop stars like Michael Stipe, Courtney Love and Sophie B. Hawkins and

model Rachel Williams have discovered anew that there's more to life than when a man loves a woman. As Stipe told *NEWSWEEK*, promoting R.E.M.'s latest album, "I've always been sexually ambiguous in terms of my proclivities; I think labels are for food." MTV and fashion advertising, pumping out fetishized images of men and women, have created a climate that Harvard professor Marjorie Garber, author of the provocative new book "Vice Versa: Bisexuality and the Eroticism of Everyday Life," calls "virtual bisexuality": the only way to watch these naked torsos, male and female alike, is erotically. Many college students, particularly women, talk about a new sexual "fluidity" on campus. And most significantly, the Internet has emerged as a safe harbor where users can play fluidly with gender, both their own and that of their virtual partners. As Garber puts it, "We are in a bisexual moment."

Freud said we're all bi; he thought that exclusive heterosexuality was 'a problem'

In the splintered multiculturalism of the 1990s, an independent bisexual movement is starting to claim its own identity. The Bisexual Resource Guide lists 1,400 groups spread throughout the United States and abroad, including Bi Women of Color, Bi Adult Children of Alcoholics, Bi Star Trekkies. There are bi cable shows, bi web sites, bi newsletters and magazines. "We are taught we have to be one thing," says Howard University divinity professor Elias Farajá-Jones. "Now people are finding out that they don't have to choose one thing or another. That doesn't mean they are confused."

The bridge: Freud called bisexuality a universal "disposition"; he believed that we all have male and female sides, each heterosexually attracted to people of the opposite gender, but that most of us repress one side. For him, it was exclusive *heterosexuality* that was "a problem that needs elucidating" (unfortunately, he never got around to it). Alfred Kinsey, in his famous 1948 report, mapped human sexuality on a scale of zero to 6, with zero representing exclusively heterosexual behavior and 6 exclusively homosexual behavior; bisexuality was the bridge that held the poles together. The anthropologist Margaret Mead urged in 1975 that we "come to terms with the well-documented, normal human capacity to love members of both sexes." And in 1995, "Adam," a bisexual teen in Oakland, Calif., says bisexuality is no guarantee of a date on a Saturday night: "A bisexual," he says, "doesn't have any more sex than the captain of the football team."

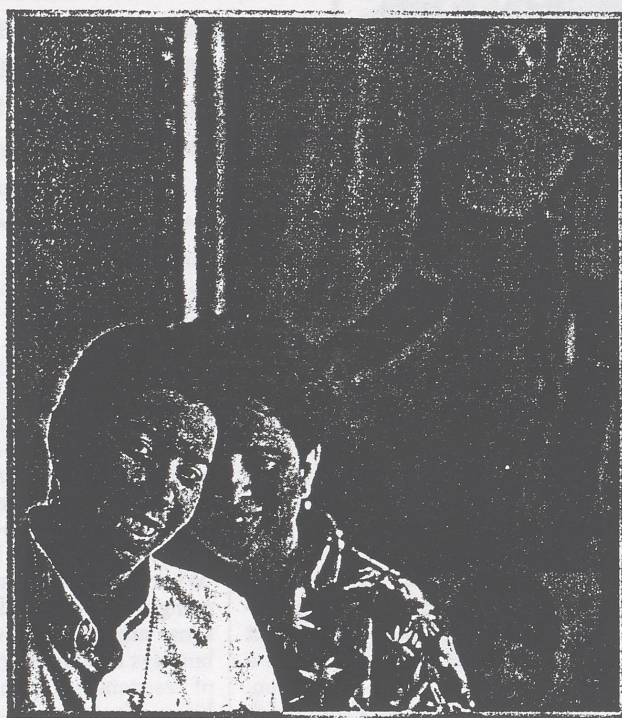
After a brief vogue during the sexual revolution—"Bisexual Chic: Anyone Goes," chortled *NEWSWEEK* in 1974—it moved back underground in the 1980s, pushed by fears of AIDS and by gay identity politics. Nobody knows how many bisexuals there are in the country, or just how bisexuality should be defined. Its existence alone makes many people uncomfortable; it suggests that all sexual identity might be subject to change or expansion, and that we may not ever really be able to fulfill our partners or be fulfilled ourselves. "I'll put it this way," says Faune, a bi New York grad student who asked to be identified by his online handle. "You're attracted to only one sex and you don't feel there's anything missing. To me that would be hell."

To a social order based on monogamy, bisexuality looms as a potent threat

In a culture organized, however precariously, around monogamy, bisexuality lurks as a rupture in the social structure, conjuring fears of promiscuity, secret lives and instability. It can make the knotty issues of human relationships—jealousy, fidelity, finances, parental roles, custody—even more complex. And with these uncertainties comes an increased threat of AIDS. Failed monogamy is already a principal source of pain in this country; bisexuality suggests that

nonmonogamy, or "polyamory," is an accepted part of life. Not for nothing does one bisexual journal call itself, with mock derision, *Anything That Moves*. In practice promiscuity is not an article of faith for all bisexuals; it's an option. Many bis are monogamous for all or parts of their lives. The sociologist Paula Rust, in the upcoming book *"Bisexuality: The Psychology and Politics of an Invisible Minority,"* explains the paradox this way: "Imagine concluding that a person who finds both blue and brown eyes attractive would require two lovers, one with each eye color, instead of concluding that this person would be happy with *either* a blue-eyed or a brown-eyed lover."

Mostly, though, we'd rather not think about bisexuality. When Rolling Stone publisher Jann Wenner left his wife this spring for another man, bisexuality was the possibility missing from most accounts. Bisexuality has been written out of our literature: early publishers simply rewrote the genders of male love objects in Plato's "Symposium" and some of Shakespeare's sonnets; more often schools just teach around them. Bisexuality even disappears from many sex surveys, which count people with any same-sex behavior as homosexual. And yet it has had a tremendous impact on our culture. Many of the men who have taught us to be men—Cary Grant, James Dean—and the women who've taught us to be



Pamela and Amelia

Amelia Victoria Mederos (right) grew up in Miami. In the Latin culture there, says this Cuban-American, the "five-cent definition" of bisexuality was that "you're dating more than one person at a time, of each sex." She didn't qualify. Mederos was married to a man in her 20s; after divorcing, she moved in with lesbian Pamela Streetz. Only later, says Mederos, 48, a civil-rights advocate in Massachusetts, did her bisexuality come into "focus." Though the revelation momentarily rattled her relationship with Streetz, the couple agreed to keep their vows of monogamy.

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Tim and Ellen

Like more and more couples, Tim and Ellen found each other on the Internet. He posted a coffee recipe; she—jokingly—proposed marriage. They met two years ago, and “by the end of the day, we were head over heels,” says Ellen, 30, a computer analyst at the University of Chicago. But marriage scared them. Ellen, who dated women after college, had been married to a bi man. Tim, 24, who started seeing men only during his friendship with Ellen, feared commitment would change their relationship. But practicality won: they wed to get health insurance. For now, they’re monogamous, and, Ellen says, “This marriage is going to last for life.”

women—Billie Holiday, Marlene Dietrich—enjoyed sex with both men and women.

The bisexual blip of the '70s was an offshoot of the sexual revolution; it was straight, with a twist. By contrast, the current bisexual moment rises from the gay and feminist movements. For a generation that came of age during the gay-rights movement, same-sex relationships or experiments no longer carry the stigma they once did. More and more of us—at work, at school, in our families and in our entertainments—move comfortably between gay and straight worlds. “Those of us who are younger,” says Rebecca Kaplan, 24, a psychology major at MIT, “owe a great deal to gays, lesbians and bisexuals who came before us. Because of them I was able to come out as a bisexual and not hate myself.” Feminism has also made romantic attachments between two women—either provisional or lasting—more acceptable, even privileged. As president of the National Organization for Women, Patricia Ireland sets a quiet example: she has both a husband and a female companion. Nearly every college or university in the country, and some high schools, now have gay and lesbian student centers; sex with one’s own gender, for anyone who’s curious, is now a visible and protected part of campus culture. Queer studies and gender studies are now a part of the national curriculum. A popular T shirt, spotted recently in a Connecticut high school, puts it this way: DON’T ASSUME I’M STRAIGHT. As one 17-year-old bi says, “It’s not us-

someone I can settle down with and raise my Benetton kids.” His partner may be a man or a woman. “I don’t feel forced to choose,” he says. “I don’t have to make any tough choices.”

Softening tensions: For many bisexuals, it hasn’t been that easy. “When I came out in ’88,” says Melissa Merry, 31, an energetic Chicagoan who calls herself Mel, “I was told by people from [local lesbian] support groups not to come out as bisexual or I’d be asked to leave.” Many gays and lesbians, she says, dismissed bisexuals as fence sitters, unwilling to give up a “phase” they themselves had outgrown. As a college student in Michigan, Merry remembers, she went to a singles-heavy bar one night. “And I saw this woman across the room and I thought, ‘She is just so attractive.’ I thought, ‘Where did that come from?’ I was involved with a guy, we were going to get married, and then all of a sudden that didn’t make sense anymore.” Now Merry works in two organizations for bis, but says tensions between bis and gays have softened. After years of resistance, gay and lesbian organizations have started to add bisexuality to their banners. As for the lesbian groups that shunned her, Merry says, “I can’t think of any . . . that I can’t go to now.”

Many bis, though, still feel rejected on two fronts: by straights for being too gay, and by gays for not being gay enough. During the late '80s, bisexual men—especially married men who stepped out with other men—were painted as stealth assassins bringing AIDS to their unsuspecting wives. As *Cosmopolitan* warned in 1989, “If a

versus-them anymore. There’s just more and more of us.”

Tim Höring, 21, a sophomore at City College in San Francisco, describes himself as “typical of bisexual youth. We just refuse to label ourselves as any of the five food groups . . . [We] revel in the fuzziness, in the blurred images.” Working-class, Roman Catholic, son of a retired New York narcotics cop, Höring had his first sexual fantasies about Wonder Woman and the Bionic Woman. Then in his teens he admitted to himself, in a series of difficult steps, that he was also attracted to men. He came out to a few friends in high school; at his graduation, when his name was called, the last six rows of the auditorium mischievously yelled out, “the bisexual” (this news came as a surprise to his parents). For the most part he has been in monogamous relationships, usually with men—though now he is dating two gay men and a bisexual woman. “I never wanted a white picket fence,” he says, “but I do want

‘I don’t desire a gender,’ says a 25-year-old bisexual man. ‘I desire a person.’

man’s eyes follow other men, be very cautious.” This fear has cooled somewhat, particularly among younger women—both because of the availability of condoms, and because AIDS never swept through the heterosexual population, except around IV drug use. Of women who contract AIDS sexually, the portion who get it from bisexual males remains at 10 to 20

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percent; 80 to 90 percent get it from drug users, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates. Still, for many women this is reason enough to worry. The bisexual response: it is unprotected sex, not bisexuality, that transmits AIDS.

Luis, 36, has felt pressures from both gays and straights. A marine biologist by training, Luis now runs a Miami prescription-drug service for patients with HIV. For the last 5½ years, he has been involved with a bi woman; recently, he invited a gay man into their relationship and home. Luis is HIV-positive; his partners are not. "My first lover and first relationship was with a [gay] man, Juan," says Luis. "I learned a lot from him, but there was this other part of me that needed to be expressed. Juan would tell me, 'You're just trying to conform and go back into the closet.' I didn't mind being called gay, but that's not all of who I am. I'm as queer as they come and as straight as they come. I'm 200 percent." Luis remembers once telling a man he'd slept with that he also had sex with a woman. "He got up in the middle of the meal and walked out," Luis says. The prejudice is no more palatable when it comes from

straights. Shopping at a northwest Miami mall with his male lover recently, Luis found himself assaulted with anti-gay slurs. "How did the guy know about us?" asks Luis, who does not dress outrageously. "We don't have any stickers on the car."

These dual pressures push some to lead bifurcated lives. William Wedin, a psychologist and director of the Bisexual Information and Counseling Service, says that most of the bisexuals he sees would rather remain in the closet. "Sometimes they will lead separate lives where they are known as gay to one group of friends and seen as straight by another group of people. Sometimes they will go to two doctors: one who deals with medical problems, another who deals with sexually transmitted diseases. They will create separate worlds."

Amid these fears and prejudices, scholars and researchers are looking for ways to rethink bisexuality: how to make sense of the millions of Americans, maybe tens of millions, who over the course of their lifetimes have sex with both men and women. Many, even most, don't call themselves bisexual. According to sex researcher

Elias

Like many who came of age during the birth of the gay-pride movement, Elias Farajajé-Jones once considered being called bi an "insult," even though he's slept with men and women since he was 16. "I'm proud to say I'm a recovering bi-phobe," he says. Once he got over that hurdle, he re-evaluated his whole life. He even redefined his racial heritage, which includes Native American and African-American ancestors. "The large number of multiracial people in the bi movement is a powerful parallel," says Farajajé-Jones, 42, a divinity professor at Howard University who sports four tattoos and multiple body piercings. "We are taught we have to be one thing. Now people are finding they don't have to choose." Farajajé-Jones, who has a 2-month-old baby with his bi partner, Katherin, is determined that his child, Issa-Ajamu, will know no gender barriers. With help from a fillable, strap-on tube, both parents will breast-feed. And when people ask if the child—who has both ears pierced—is a boy or a girl, Farajajé-Jones responds: "Ask the baby."



Martin Weinberg of Indiana University, the majority of men who engage in sex with both men and women label themselves "heterosexual." Conversely, Paula Rust, in a 1992 survey of women who identified themselves as lesbians, found that two thirds of them said they were attracted to men, and 90 percent had been in sexual relationships with men. Further, most bisexuals are not attracted equally to men and women. Where do you draw the line? Should fantasy and desire count, even if they aren't acted upon? And what about married people who later come to recognize themselves as gay? "I don't have a definition [of bisexuality]," says John O.G. Billy, lead author of the 1991 study "The Sexual Behavior of Men in the United States," "because I'm not sure there is any one standard definition." The number of Americans who have sex with both men and women concurrently is very small. According to the University of Chicago's massive 1992 "Sex in America" study, about .7 percent of American men, and .3 percent of American women report having had both male and female sexual partners in the last 12 months. Most of the self-identified bisexuals interviewed for this article would not qualify under these terms.

Erotic patterns: In practice, bisexuality has come to describe an incredibly broad range of erotic patterns: some monogamous, some polyamorous, some fleeting and some wholly fantastic. Indigo Som, 28, a paper artist currently in a monogamous relationship with another woman, considers the word bisexual far too vague to describe her life. "My sexual orientation," she says, "is toward creative people of color who can cook."

So who are bi, and how did they get that way? Are they really different from everybody else? "Some people say everyone has the biological potential for bisexuality, but that's untestable," says Weinberg, who led one of the few major studies of bisexuals (published last year as "Dual Attraction: Understanding Bisexuality"). "The answer is, we don't know." Weinberg conceives of bisexuality as often being an "add-on"—we commonly develop one orientation first, usually straight, and then "add on" an attraction to the other gender. "Learning bisexuality," he writes, is a matter of "failing to unlearn the desirable aspects of one's own gender."

J. Michael Bailey, a sociologist at Northwestern University, says bisexuality is in the genes. In a study of sexual orientation in nearly 5,000 Australian twins, he found that identical twins were more likely both to have bisexual feelings than fraternal twins, suggesting bisexuality might have a genetic basis. "I conceptualize bisexuality this way," he says: "if somebody has enough of the relevant genetic factors, they'll be homosexual. If they don't have enough, they'll be bisexual." His data are still preliminary and have not been subjected to peer scrutiny.

At bottom, though, bisexuality simply does not reduce neatly. There are no bisexual acts nor bisexual desires, only bisexual

histories. Bisexuality is less a root than a construction—different in each individual—of passions and actions we're accustomed to calling heterosexual or homosexual. In its ambiguities, it calls into question the certainties of both gay and straight identities. Pushed far enough, it absorbs both.

Matthew Ehrlich, 25, argues that his own desire has nothing to do with gender. Ehrlich, managing editor of VH1 Online in New York, said he was attracted to both men and women once he "started smooching at age 14." He came out as gay at Williams College, he says, because he saw a lot of abusive heterosexual relationships around him; for the last five years he has identified himself as bi though he prefers the term queer. "There are some times that I want a certain kind of hair at the back of someone's neck, a look

in their eyes, the way they hold their mouth, but it's not necessarily limited to one gender," he says. "It's often much stronger that I want to run my hands through short hair at the back of the neck than that it's a man or woman's hair." Ehrlich says some of his partners don't understand this, which leads to problems of trust or jealousy. "[They'll say], 'How can you be sure you desire me when I'm only one gender?'" he says. But this is not the point. "I don't desire a gender, I desire a person."

Many orientations: This remains the unresolved paradox of bisexuality: that in its most individuated moments, it is most indistinguishable from homosexuality or heterosexuality. Desire is desire. John Cheever, who described the breadth of his passions in his journals, deemed bisexuality a pitifully narrow way to look at human attraction. "To interrogate oneself tirelessly on one's sexual drives," he wrote, "seems to me self-destructive. One can be aroused, for example, by the sight of a holly leaf, an apple tree, or a male cardinal bird on a spring morning." As Garber argues, we all have manifold orientations: to green eyes, say, or to money or power.

But deep down we remain defiantly attracted to individuals.

In San Francisco recently, Tim Höring was telling his friends about how he changed his approach to picking up boys. He used to say, "Are you queer?" Then he switched to, "Do you like boys?" Now his favorite line is "Do you like me?" As he sees it, "I've gone from the political to the historical attraction to the very personal. All that really matters is if they like me." This is the new bisexual moment in a nutshell: hard fought, hard thought, and distinctly individual. It is a thorny narrative, fraught with questions of identity and belonging. And in the end, it is really about the simple, mysterious pull between warm human bodies when the lights go out.

With STEVE RHODES in Chicago, PETER KATEL in Miami, CLAUDIA KALB and MARC PEYSER in New York, NADINE JOSEPH in San Francisco, MARTHA BRANT in Washington and bureau reports



Cary Grant

Billie Holiday

James Dean



Rachel Williams

Michael Stipe

Sandra Bernhard

A Secret History

We've drawn many of our feminine and masculine ideals from our public figures—from dashing men like Cary Grant or James Dean and alluring women like Marlene Dietrich or model Rachel Williams. They're the archetypes we copy in the mirror; they teach us how to get the boy or girl. In real life, many knew how to get both.

Other News

Gay activists call on UN

New York The United Nations (UN) must do more to protect homosexuals from widespread persecution, advocacy groups said last week. At a meeting of human rights activists near UN headquarters, men and women from four continents told of suffering rape, torture, incarceration in psychiatric institutions, arbitrary arrest and blackmail by authorities. The meeting was timed to coincide with a UN gathering of world leaders to celebrate the organisation's 50th anniversary. "There's no country where it's perfectly safe to be openly gay, lesbian, transgender or bisexual," said Julie Dorf, executive director of the San Francisco-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. The meeting urged the United Nations to appoint a special investigator to document abuses of homosexuals, bisexuals and transsexuals. It called on governments to repeal all laws that discriminate against the groups and to protect them against violence. In addition to Americans, the meeting included speakers from Zimbabwe, the Philippines, Romania, El Salvador, India, Turkey and Argentina. — *Associated Press*

From

Island Lifestyle Asks "Are You Bisexual?"

The August issue of *Island Lifestyle*, a Hawaiian gay and lesbian magazine, featured a cover story on bisexuality by Sarah Banks. Quoting from both the recent *Newsweek* article and other sources, the piece covered the Kinsey scale and gave real-life examples, including that of a man whose gay clientele boycotted his hair salon when he married a woman. He's now living with a man and dating a woman part-time.

A side-bar by Sharon Forman Sumpter corrected many of the common myths about bisexuality.

For more information on *Island Lifestyle*, contact Lifestyle Publishing Co., Inc., 2851A Kihei Place, Honolulu Hawaii 96816.

!OutProud! Provides Online Resources for Youth

!OutProud!, the National Coalition for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth, has announced plans for a broad range of online services as part of the new Microsoft Network, in conjunction with Planet Out, a new online community for lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

!OutProud! will provide referrals to local organizations, book recommendations, brochures and other literature, information on starting a high school "Gay/Straight Alliance", and a safe electronic space for lesbian youth to communicate and find community.

From "Bi Women."

Machin 'sexuality' amendment bid

BEN WIDDICOMBE

The state government is considering its response to a proposed amendment to the Anti Discrimination Act, designed to outlaw discrimination against heterosexuals.

The amendment, tabled by National Party MP Wendy Machin, proposes to change the wording of the act from prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of "homosexuality", to just plain "sexuality".

Co-convenor of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, Stevie Clayton, said the Lobby opposes the amendment on the grounds that homosexuals are victimised in a way heterosexuals are not. As well as affecting gay and lesbian entertainment venues, Clayton said that the amendment could influence community organisations' recruitment policies.

"We think the Anti Dis-

crimination Act is there to provide [protection for groups] constantly discriminated against," she said, citing the "high levels of violence" against lesbians and gay men.

Machin told the *Star Observer* the amendment, introduced in parliament last Thursday, was "in a queue" and that she didn't know when it would be voted on.

"I think it would strengthen the integrity of the Act if all people felt it was there for them when they needed it," she said. "A lot of people think it would make the legislation a little fairer."

The NSW Attorney-General's department is currently preparing a minute for cabinet discussion on the issue, but president of the Anti Discrimination Board (ADB), Chris Puplick, said he had been given "no indication that the government would support such an amendment".

He said the ADB had no qualms about extending the terms of the Act to cover "sexuality in all its forms, providing specific references to protection of [homosexuality] ... were not removed".

However, he conceded the amendment could open the way for challenges from people advocating forms of sexuality prohibited in criminal law, such as paedophilia and bestiality. Machin said such protection "was not the intention of the amendment".

Acting Mardi Gras president, Warwick Hart, said even if the amendment went through it would not necessarily affect the organisation's debate on whether or not to bar heterosexuals from membership.

He said the "non-profit, community nature" of Mardi Gras meant it could probably apply for an exemption from the ADB.

From *SSO*.

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From "Bi Women"

New Internet Group About Lesbian and Bisexual Women Formed.

A new internet usenet newsgroup,

soc.women.lesbian-and-bi,

for discussing the lives of lesbian and bisexual

women was recently cre-

ated. This will be a mod-

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BI-ACADEMIC INTERVENTION

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DO WE WANT A NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In our last issue we asked you, "Do you want a National Bisexual Conference?"

While there was some keen interest from the Bi folk at the QC Conference in July and also from those on the AusGBLF List on the Internet, Wayne only had one response from Biways readers. Thanks Kim. Jenneth has not had a single response. If this is to come off, we will need your support, encouragement, help and attendance. If we know you want a conference then we can look for funding, assistance to help the more disadvantaged get to Melbourne and speakers.

Come on call Jenneth on 03-93069869 or Wayne on 07-38572500; toll free 1800-653223 or write to ABN, PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Qld 4030.

Albanian group almost bust

Tirana After winning battles for legalisation of homosexuality and official registration, Albania's only gay group, Shoqata Gay Albania, faces the equally formidable task of surviving economically in Europe's poorest country. Members are appealing for financial and practical assistance from gays worldwide. Their Banca (Bank) Italo-Albanese account number is 201673. Their address is PO Box 104, Tirana, Albania. The International Lesbian and Gay Association urges: "Please show your solidarity with this extremely courageous young group."

From Sydney Star Observer

SYDNEY BISEXUAL SUPPORT NETWORK

General Information: 0055 25926

MONTHLY MONDAY MEETING

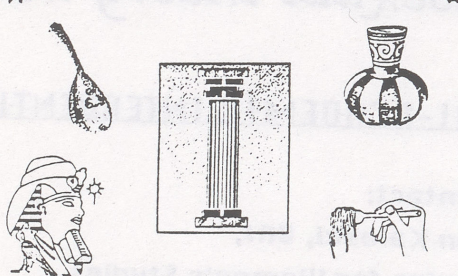
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November 13

Ethnicity and Sexuality

Multiculturalism meets Multisexualities



Guest Speaker: **Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli**
talks about

Forging our own relationship patterns
MEETING ENQUIRIES ONLY: Linda 550 9625

And Views

Some good advice in Girlfriendsmagazine.

Dear Pat:

I am a 26-year-old woman who's just a bit confused. For the past four years, I've been an out lesbian. A very good woman friend who I love with all my heart has come back into my life. I feel like it's true love for the first time. She consumes my every thought. She's breaking free of an old relationship, and it's pretty clear that we want to be with each other. It's extremely hard not to be sexually active with her. The sexual chemistry is intense!

Enter problem #1. A man is also part of my life right now. I'm almost ashamed of the relationship. I haven't introduced him to any of my friends. He's a very kind and loving person who

be a mistake for you to try to have a monogamous heterosexual or homosexual life. If you feel compelled to experiment, go ahead, but you might be able to save yourself many years of self-doubt and several messy breakups if you try to create a personal life that is consistent with all of your desires.

The woman you want so much may in fact be the love of your life. But I wonder if you didn't have similar feelings about your male lover when you first started dating him. It wouldn't be fair to break up with him, have an affair with your female friend, and then dump her when a cute and fascinating boy catches your eye.

Gay and straight people can be very hostile and intolerant of bisexuality. There is intense pressure to decide whether men or women are more important and choose a side. But I think this is a poor strategy for lifelong happiness. Read Lorraine Hutchins and Lani Ka'ahumanu's anthology *Bi Any Other Name* (Alyson, 1991) and Naomi Tucker's anthology *Bisexual Politics* (Haworth, 1995). Give yourself some time to sort out this basic issue before you make a commitment to either partner and get sucked into trying to fulfill their expectations.

I like a guy and a girl—am I bisexual?

knows my sexual history and accepts me the way I am. He wants a serious monogamous relationship, but so does the woman.

I find myself being distant with the man when she's attentive to me, and we are spending a lot of time together. However, when she's dealing with her ex-lover and other issues, I feel left out, and I become more attentive to my male lover. My behavior to him is not very fair. I truly love this woman and am not all that comfortable being bisexual. What would you suggest I do?

—Turn Between Two Lovers

Dear Torn

I don't think you can solve your problem by simply opting for the boy or the girl. You are facing many challenges right now. The biggest one is self-acceptance. It's pretty obvious that you are able to have good sex and good relationships with men or women, despite your discomfort with bisexuality. You are also able to love and sexually desire more than one person at a time. I'd have to say that it would probably

GIRLADVICE

by Pat Califia



GIRL, JULY-AUGUST 1995

Readers!

Girlfriends is privileged to have sagely Pat Califia as our advice columnist, and we thank her! Send your queries, whether they're about work, love, sex, or anything else, to Girltalk, c/o Girlfriends Magazine, PO Box 713, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, or you can e-mail us at hysteria27@aol.com.

Bisatisfied

Thanks and praises! Finally, there is a magazine for women who love, fuck, and respect other women that doesn't sweep bisexual women under the rug. As a bisexual woman, I often feel like a flag without a country. When I entered my first relationship with a woman seven years ago, it didn't take long for me to feel the scathing hatred and mistrust from many lesbians. For years, I went "in the closet" about my feelings for men, thinking I would find acceptance. Now, I find that the only acceptance I need is from myself. The rest is icing on the cake. Pretty nice icing in *Girlfriends*.

Liz Randolph
Brooklyn, New York

Coming Events



Brisbane BiFem, bisexual women's group, are having a Pizza and Video Nite on November 11th at Julie's house, Algester. For location details ladies only please telephone ABN on 07 - 3857 2500.

Melbourne BAM's Bisexual Men's Discussion Group are having a Video and discussion Nite on November 23rd at 7:30pm. The video to be shown is Threesome with discussion afterwards. For location details call BAM on 03-98770244 Monday or Tuesday nights.

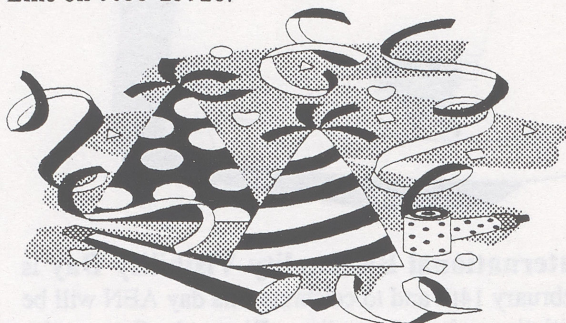


Sydney SBSN monthly meeting Monday, November 13th 8pm at NCOSS, 66 Albion Street, Surry Hills - **Ethnicity and Sexuality** with guest speaker, Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli talks on Forging our own relationship patterns.

Brisbane ABN / QBN monthly social meeting will be held upstairs at Cafe Babyalon, Boundary Street, West End, Brisbane from 7pm on Wednesday, November 15th. All welcome. There will be no December meeting with the first for 1996 being on the 3rd Wednesday in January as above.

Brisbane BiFem will be having a discussion evening on Saturday, November 25th. Ladies please call ABN on 07-38572500 for Liane's phone number to obtain details on this and other BiFem events.

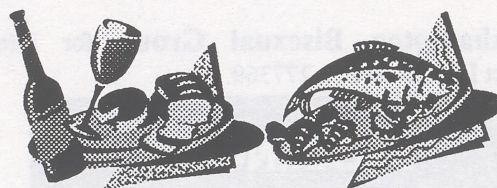
Sydney SBSN monthly meeting will be on Monday, December 11th. For details on meetings only call Linda on 02-5509625 or call SBSN Info Line on 0055-25926.



Canberra CRBN Clare's Birthday Bash, November, details to be announced, call Clare on 06-2476538 or Roger On 06-2474234 for update.

Melbourne BAM Christmas party will be held on Saturday 2nd December at a location to be announced. For details call BAM, Monday or Tuesday nights on 03-9877 0244.

Brisbane BiFem are having a Christmas BBQ on Saturday 9th December. For further details call ABN to obtain Liane's phone number on 07-38572500.

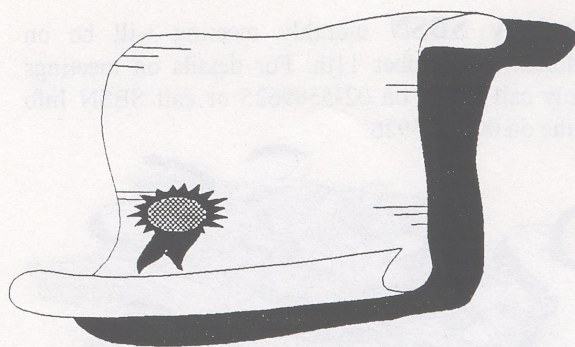


Brisbane Australian Bisexual Network Christmas Dinner will be on the evening of Friday 15th December at a location to be announced. Bookings will be essential and pre-payment may be required. For details please call Wayne on ABN on 07-38572500. Come let us celebrate together.



Canberra CRBN coffee, cake & chat should be on December 4th at Mosaics Brasserie, Braddon at 8pm but please check first by calling Roger or Clare.

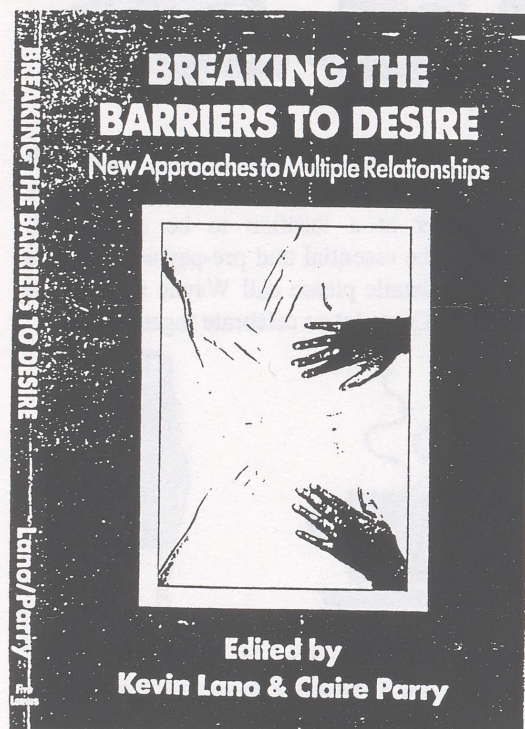
Adelaide ABC contact Sabina on 08-3525715.



International Bisexuality Visibility Day is February 14th and to celebrate this day ABN will be initiating the Australian Bisexual Community Advancement Awards. Awards will be awarded to bisexual people and other supporters of the Bisexual Community for each state. ABN calls on individuals and regional bisexual networks and groups to nominate people or organisations for awards. It is hoped that each state group or network will then organise an event where these Awards can be presented. Media coverage of the Award presentations would be desirable. Nominations and further information contact ABN at PO Box 490 Lutwyche Q 4030 or call 07-38572500.

Gold Coast Bi/Gay Group for info contact David o 07-55271152 a/h.

Rockhampton Bisexual Group for info contact Dolour on 079-277369.



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Brisbane ABN will be having a Northern Suburbs Coffee & Chat Night on Thursday, November 23rd from 7:30pm to 9pm at the Scalded Cafe Cafe, 201 Stafford Road, Stafford. Please let us know if you will be attending so we can reserve tables and chairs by calling ABN on 07-38572500.



Brisbane ABN Bisexual Youth Nite for bi guys and girls under 26 will be held in late November at a time and place to be announced for details please contact ABN on 07-38572500.

Hobart HBSN for info contact Myke on 002-729027.

Sunshine Coast Bi Women's Group for info contact ABN on 07-38572500.

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SCIENCE FICTION and FANTASY - Part 3



From the Internet.

In the June/July and August/September issues of National Biways we featured Parts 1 and 2 of Science Fiction and Fantasy Books with Bisexual themes and characters. Here are some more authors and titles to look out for. If you buy or have any of these, read them and don't want them, then think of donating them to the Australian Bisexual Network's library for others to enjoy.

The list is arranged by author, whether science fiction (SF) or fantasy (F), title and comments.

KRESS, Nancy (SF)

An Alien Light (bi alien woman warrior)

KUSHNER, Ellen (F)

Swordpoint (bisexual man & gay man)

LEE, Tanith

Flat Earth series (everyone is bi):

Night's Master

Death's Master

Delusion's Master

Delirium's Mistress

Night's Sorceries

Birthgrave trilogy (countries where homosexuality is common)

Stormlord

The Silver Metal Lover (android lover)

Drinking Sapphire Wine (experimenting teens)

LE GUIN, Ursula K. (SF) (highly recommended)

The Left Hand of Darkness (neuter alien, except during mating when it can be either sex; seminal work)

The Dispossessed (some bisexuality, gay characters)

MC CAFFREY, Ann (SF/F) (classic, author of the Dragonrider series)

Killashandra (bisexual woman character)

MC GREGOR, Loren (F)

The Net (lesbian, gay and bi characters)

MC INTYRE, Vonda N. (SF)

Starfarers (partnership of two men and two women)

MELICCH, R. M. (SF)

Sovereign (bisexual male protagonist)

Chicago Red (bi/gay character)

Wind Child (bi encounter with hermaphroditic alien)

Wind Dancers (as above)

MOFFETT, Judith (SF)

Time, Like an Ever-Rolling Stream (sexually confused female protagonist best friends with a gay man)

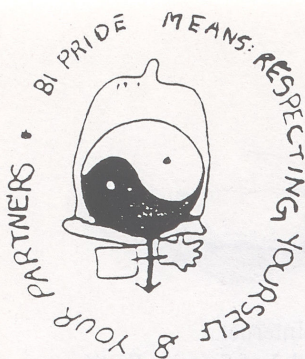
PIERCY, Marge (SF)

Woman at the Edge of Time (bisexual utopia)

He, She & It (sexual relationship with android)

The Moon is Always Female (poetry collection - good)

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT).

CANBERRA.

BI GUY cute blonde guy early 20's, Canberra, seeks males/females. I am 167cm tall, fit, professional. You 20 to 26 years also fit & attractive & non-scene. Code AC-T1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA).

ADELAIDE.

COUPLE bisexual woman 24, straight man 36, seek bisexual woman between 20 & 35 for friendship with view to a permanent relationship. We are not into scene, do not smoke & are social drinkers. Code SA-H1.

ADELAIDE.

BI MALE seeking similar Woman Friend to explore & enjoy life. High trust given and expected.....By a 43 yo male - very mildly bisexual & most comfortable in myself; tall, slim, attractive, well spoken & presentable - healthy, most aware, intelligent, vast interest range, open, unattached, debt free, warm, caring, no dark hang-ups from the past. Code SA-M1.

ADELAIDE.

BI MAN youthful 42 yo from north America, of Italian & German descent, clean, healthy, attractive, educated, non-scene. I am seeking a bi-lady who is seeking a relationship based on honesty and caring, who enjoys sharing herself and enjoys receiving respect from her man. I am Taurus the Bull and only seek compatible people. Children are most welcome as I am a father of two and I enjoy family life. Genuine responses welcome & I will answer all. Code SA-R1.

ADELAIDE.

BI GUY 30 seeks well hung guy 18 to 35 yrs for oral. Photo appreciated but not necessary. Send SSAE. All letters answered. Code SA-F1.

ADELAIDE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

BISEXUAL WOMAN 32, Straight Male 35, seek bisexual woman 18 - 35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive, any nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. Code SA-M4.

ADELAIDE.

BI GUY 48, married, straight acting, 6ft tall, 73kg, med. build, healthy & fit, non-smoker, good-looking, would like to meet similar situated guy for meaningful friendship and safe fun times. Code SA-A2.

MODBURY / ADELAIDE.

BI MALE non smoker, clean, sincere 5'7" slim/medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes quiet nights, dinner parties etc, seeks genuine bi male to 40 for friendship possible relationship. I have so much love to give. Please write. Code SA-M2.

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE.

BI WOMAN 22 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and must like cats. Code NS-S1

CENTRAL COAST.

BI WOMAN - STRAIGHT GUY COUPLE attractive, slim active mid 40's, seeking a special female for a sincere supportive friendship / relationship. Would look forward to travel, theatre, bushwalking, beach. Single parent welcome. Code NS-H1.

LISMORE.

GORGEOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted Bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & meditation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. Code NS-A1.

SYDNEY EASTERN SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN 36 yo Aust. mother, slightly plump, but happy and attractive, wanting to meet same in my area for discreet meetings. Prefer woman available during early afternoons and Wednesdays. No relationship, new to this life. Code NS-K1.

SYDNEY.

BI WOMAN attractive, slim bi feminine lady, 30 years old, medium length blond hair, blue eyes. I'm easy going & fun, enjoy movies, the beach, shopping, going out & nights at home. I am seeking a bi/gay female partner with "boyish charms" & a sense of humour or an attractive glam woman. I'm hoping for a loving, caring, sensual, sensitive relationship. A photo would be great. All letters answered. Code NS-T4.

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SYDNEY.

COUPLE We are a young couple in a long-term committed relationship who wish to meet an attractive Bi girl (any age) for friendship & threesomes. We would be happy to put up any interstate travellers and show you around. **Code NS-M1.**

SYDNEY.

BISEXUAL COUPLE M/F GENUINE, seeking other Bi couples for regular safe sex evening. We are mid 30's, clean, healthy, discrete, highly sexed and fun loving. All replies will be answered & photos can be posted in exchange for yours. **Code NS-H2.**

SYDNEY.

BI GUY quite attractive, early to mid 20's, seeks same. Looking for friendship, and an opportunity to explore the higher side of the Kinsay Scale. Must be somebody who enjoys life, is positive-thinking and not afraid to express true feelings and beliefs. **Code NS-S3.**

SYDNEY.

BI GUY young, slim, attractive, in cosy gay relationship seeks girl or slim M/F couple under 40 for occasional warm safe fun times. **Code NS-P2.**

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 29 yo, average looks, 87 kg, seeks 30+ who is also married too teach inexperienced guy the ways, must be discrete, a mo a plus, first ad, all letters answered. **Code NS-B4.**

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 35, slim, good looking, gentle, 6ft tall and healthy, seek safe fun times with slim guy, girl or couple under 40. I'm nervous at first but have open good humoured nature. Open to longer term relationship. **Code NS-P3.**

SYDNEY.

BI MALE seeking easy going bi (female/male) couple, for correspondence and relationship. I travel regularly inter-state, am married so confidentiality a must. Photo please. **Code NS-T2.**

SYDNEY, NSW to GOLD COAST, QLD.

BI GUY 37yr, traveller seeks similar guy to cruise the night spots to pick up girls - if not we have each other. Enjoys oral. **Code NS-J1.**

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN early 40's wishes to meet slim bi lady who does not mind if a man joins in. **Code QD-J6.**

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN 40, teacher, seeks similar bi or gay woman for friendship, mutual support and understanding. **Code QD-B1.**

BRISBANE.

PROFESSIONAL FEMALE seeks company of Bi woman/lesbian to share own home at Carindale. Prefer responsible, non-smoker who likes dogs. For more details contact Wendy. **Code QD-S16.**

BRISBANE.

BI LADY WANTED by Straight Guy 45 for long term relationship. Must be open minded & adventurous with view to meeting other couples and singles. I will be supportive to the right person and will welcome and answer all responses. **Code QD-S13.**

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN STRAIGHT MAN COUPLE mid 30's wish to meet Bi lady for friendship, social outings and fun. Discretion assured & expected. **Code QD-M6.**

BRISBANE.

GUY 31 muscular fit seeks young couple, Bi, 25-35 for first Bi experience. Must be understanding, safe sex only. I am honest, genuine, caring, non-smoker, social drinker, 5' 8", 67 kg. **ALA Code QD-R19.**

BRISBANE.

BISEXUAL GUY seeks a Bi woman aged 25 to 40 for friendship and possible relationship with a view to introducing her to my Bi-curious female partner. **Code QD-C11.**

BRISBANE.

BI-GUY attractive, 58kg, 30 yo, slim medium build, would love to meet other guys, crossdressers, trannies, age open and should be smooth bodied. I have been a crossdresser, could try again with anyone will to experience good safe fun. discrete, write with phone number, **ALA.**
Code QD-I2.

BRISBANE / RED HILL.

BI GUY sincere 22 yo bi, attractive, tanned, 172cm, fit, 70kg, smooth skin, straight acting, non-smoker, non-scene, likes travel, movies, swimming seeks similar young man for friendship and safe discrete sex at your place if right. **Code QD-T4.**

BRISBANE / WINDSOR.

BISEXUAL GUY good looks, late 20's, like to try Bisex with couple. I like movies, dining out/in, non-smoker, fit & tanned, anything safe if suited. Your photo & phone no. get mine. Please send detailed letter. **ALA Trannies okay. Code QD-D8.**

BRISBANE / SOUTH EAST QLD.

BI GUY 23 yr old seeking Bi/gay guy up to 30 yo for friendship / relationship. I have blue eyes & mousy blond hair, 6ft 1in, with good body as I work out daily. I am seeking a similar guy who preferably has a great build & near to my height, (footballers, bodybuilders, etc I like). A non-smoker & social drinker would be preferred. No drugs or sexual hang-ups please. For a quick reply, a photo and phone number would be nice. (PS If you know anyone who may be interested please pass this ad on to them.) **Code QD-P3.**

BRISBANE.

STRAIGHT GUY tall seeks the company of an attractive female Bi lady 30-40 with or without her partner for social & intimate times. All letters answered please include a photo/ph no. **Code QD-S12.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 20, good looks, would like to meet guys under 30. Must be smart, intelligent and good looking with a personality to match. **Code QD-S17.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY early 40's recently separated seeking companionship of similar person, married or single, complete discretion assured. **Code QD-R18.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY married, mid 30's straight acting, 178cm tall, 72kg, fair complexion wishes to meet similar situated guy or gay couple. Prefer your place. Discretion given & expected. **Code QD-S8.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 39 slim smooth body seeks bi guy rugged looks hairy body solid build, mo or beard for mutual oral sex. Like cuddling, kissing, aim to please the right man in every way. Phone, address for quick reply. All letters answered. **Code QD-R12.**

BRISBANE.

GUY 40 seeking guys 25 and over, tallish with a sense of humour, working, intelligent. I am 6 ft, 90 kg bearded (for now), hairy and tanned, self employed, independent, relationship considered. **Code QD-W5.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY single 42 yrs. 75kg slim build, wants discrete meetings with Bi Men, Ladies or Couples, mature people only. Discretion assured & expected. Reply with photo/phone number. **Code QD-S2.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 29yo chunky guy average looks seeks guys, girls, trans or couples for fun & friendship & sex if we are suited. All letters answered. Photo & phone if possible. **Code QD-D5.**

BRISBANE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. **QD-R13.**

CABOOLTURE.

BI WOMAN 25 yo. Looking to meet similar woman for friendship \ relationship. I have shoulder length blond hair, blue eyes, 173 cm tall & about 70 kg, easy going down to earth kind of person who enjoys the outdoors, camping on the beach, good parties and also quiet nights at home. Photo would be great & all letters answered. **Code QD-W4.**

GOLD COAST.

BI WOMAN 24 yo seeking a woman for friendship and possible relationship. I enjoy life, am easy going and like good food, wine and company. **Code QD-D7.**

GOLD COAST.

BI-SENSUAL LADY WANTED I am a 31 yo buxom married Bi lady wishing to meet a very similar lady for very close friendship & outings of all sorts, from raging to romantic dinning and all places in between. I am a. private non-groupie type, non-smoker, social drinker, honest & reliable. I am tripping to Melbourne in a few months & would love some company. I enjoy body building, music etc. I am looking for a non fake, non-smoker, down to earth genuine lady who is not afraid to be just the way she is. I have an inground pool & would love to spend many oil rubbed senuous days relaxing & swimming there with the right lady, Summer is now upon us. I adore touching, kissing, hugging, walking hand in hand on the beach appeals to me but then so does go-cart racing. This is a first for me, I'm nervous & anxious & hoping there is a great friend out there just waiting to happen. If you're buxom & real please send a photo & letter. I will answer you with same. P.S. What star sign are you? **Code QD-L7.**

GOLD COAST / BRISBANE.

GUY 38 years, slim, would like to try safe sex with couple, have never had a Bi experience but willing to try. This is my first ad. Please reply with photo & phone number for quick reply. **Code QD-J3.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 34 yo, slim likes home life, movies, parties, bush, occassional nightclubs, seeks guy of similar age. **Code QD-O2.**

GOLD COAST.

BI MAN 50 single, want to meet younger couples for friendship or relationship and having good times. Also a good looking young woman or guy, slim and having a happy smiling face. Must be easy going in nature. I am 1.80m tall, black hair, brown complexion with Mediterranean looks, a moustash & weigh 83kg. Photo & phone number would be nice. Discretion assured & expected. See you girls, guys & couples. **Code QD-V1.**

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GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 31 yo slim, 5'8", fit & healthy. I'm a sole parent, currently also involved with a woman, (understanding of my needs). I'm seeking other young bi males for friendship. **Code QD-S9.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY fit, well built guy early 30's, looking for couple/s to enjoy life. I love surfing, music, outdoors & generally easy going, social drinker, etc. I am clean, safe sex conscious. Enjoy most things. Keen to hear, please include phone number. **Code QD-M9.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY slim, attractive 30 year old seeks young transvestite or young couple to 28 years of age for good safe time. Photo appreciated. **Code QD-K1.**

GOLD COAST.

BI INCLINED GUY 39 180cm slim with straight attractive girlfriend looking for nice couple for 3 possibly 4 some. Non-smokers only. Absolutely clean. Total discretion expected. Photo & phone number appreciated. **Code QD-C8.**

GOLD COAST.

BI-SENSUAL COUPLE seek Bi-sensual couple with similar out look on life. We are 31, non fake, nature loving non-smokers, social drinkers, non pushy, fun loving, homely relaxed couple. We enjoy everything from gardening to go-kart racing. Most of all we are honest people interested in a long term relationship. If you fit this ad at all then please don't be shy...drop us a line or ten, perhaps a photo and phone number. We promise to answer your ad the same day. Until then create a great day! **Code QD-L7.**

LOGAN VILLAGE.

BI WOMAN 54yr old attached lady looks forward to meeting a lady for friendship, mental & physical closeness, sense of humour & plenty of laughs together. **Code QD-R15.**

MACKAY & DISTRICTS.

BI GUY married 46 years old, slim, fit, good looking, would like to meet similar bi guy or couple for good safe fun. **Code QD-C7.**

MONTVILLE / SUNSHINE COAST.

COUPLE seek Bi lady between 20 and 40 if you are attractive, homely & lonely & need loving, we are here for you. Wife 37 Asian with body of 18 yo, husband 50 English (could be father figure for you). We live in the Blackall Rangers, peaceful country living, into the arts, painting, sculpture, massage, tarot, i ching, channelling, troilism etc. Living a quiet but happy life 7 we need to share our good life. We are offering you to share our home and us. Wife loves Bi movies & is ready for the real thing. Husband will just go with the flow so please come & help her find herself. We are both fairly fit, non-smokers, very layed back, lots more to offer, photo would be nice & a phone number & start from there. You could come for a few days to see first. **Code QD-C10.**

QLD. & NSW.

BI GUY 37 slim hot & long, longs for loving couple to please. Enjoys male to male sex with wife present, loves massage, oral, foreplay, safe sex, ALA. **Code NS-J2.**

ROCKHAMPTON.

BI COUPLE 23/33 seek Bi lady, Bi male or couple, any age for fun times, local area only as we can not travel. ALA. Photo & phone number please. **Code QD-S14.**

ROCKHAMPTON.

BI GUY professional, mid 30's, good body seeks similar guy for meaningful friendship, discretion required and given as I am married to a straight lady. Phone number apprec. **Code QD-M13.**

ROCKHAMPTON & CENTRAL QLD.

RETIRED BI GENT seeking younger guy for loving caring friendship. No drugs. Sincere guy please. All letters answered. **Code QD-H7.**

SOUTH EAST QLD.

BI COUPLE 27/29 married couple with young family wish to meet same for outings, smokers & social drinkers, likes are camping, fishing, nudist clubs (on a quiet level), no sex needed, just company of like minded people, attractive slim couple (photo appreciated) Any area in S.E. Queensland. **Code QD-B17.**

SOUTH EAST QLD.

COUPLE Bi woman 40 yrs, straight husband 43 yrs seeks Bi woman for long term friendship/relationship. We're an easy going fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. **Code QD-H4.**

SOUTH EAST QLD / NORTHERN NSW.

BI GUY keen photographer interested in taking sensuous clad or nude photographs of other guys, girls, couples, groups, at home, on the beach, in the bush, the street, where ever makes a great shot. If you are interested then drop me a line with phone number so we can have a chat about it first. **Code QD-R16.**

STRADBROKE ISLAND.

BI GUY 54 yo, 6'2", 100kg, like to meet other guys for safe hot fun times, love giving oral. Age open. I am easy going, sense of humour, clean, genuine, enjoy most things. All letters welcome & answered, phone number nice, discretion assured & expected.
Code QD-B16.

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NEVER SHARE SEX TOYS, VIBRATORS, ETC.
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TOOWOOMBA.

BI GUY 32 from overseas seeks f/ship or r/ship with Bi female, transvestite & couples. Seeking mutual respect & discretion. All letters welcome & answered, ph number if possible. **Code QD-D9.**

TOWNSVILLE / ANYWHERE.

MALE/FEMALE PENPALS WANTED I'm 30 yo guy and would like to meet people who are open minded & understanding people. I am currently serving a sentence. All letters answered. Tom Enever, **PO Box 5574 MSO, Townsville, QLD 4810.**

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 41 yo would like to meet Bi lady for friendship and view to having children. I am slim, fit & healthy, enjoy nude recreation & have a secure career. **Code QD-S15.**

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 30's slim, attractive, healthy & fit seeks well built attractive, masculine Bi guy for fun and games. I'm married so discretion is essential. I'm relatively inexperienced with guys but keen to experiment with the right guy. If you look good in a pair of speedos then contact me. **Code QD-E2.**

VICTORIA (VIC).

DIGGERS REST.

COUPLE 22/24 seeking a Bi lady to fulfil wife's dream of F/F/M. Husband is straight. We are easy going, happy couple who love sex & each other. If you're horny include phone number for quick reply as we are waiting. **Code VI-N1.**

MELBOURNE.

STRAIGHT GUY tall handsome seeks uninhibited attractive Bi Lady for friendship. I will reply quickly and discretely. Photo appreciated & returned. **Code VI-B2.**

MELBOURNE / WINDSOR.

BI GUY straight acting type of dude, seeking a Bi girl, Bi guy or Bi couple for friendship & a relationship. I'm 6' tall, well presented, cleanliness & discretion assured. Easy to get along with & enjoy getting the most & best out of life. All letters answered. Would also like to correspond with anybody from other States. **Code VI-J1.**

MELBOURNE / S.E. SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN I am married & overweight. I am honest, caring, loving person. I am 5.8 ft tall and need more from life. I'm bored. I am 26 y.o. I would like a female with a great sense of humour & can go with the flow. I am shy until ya get to know me. Prefer a Victorian based woman 34 or younger. ALA Thanks, I do want a lasting thing. No one-nighters. **Code VI-H1.**

MELBOURNE.

BISEXUAL COUPLE M/F seeking Bi couple for all combinations of safe sex and fun times. We are mid 30's, early 40's medium builds, good average looks and seek similar couples. Please include phone number. **Code VI-D1.**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

COUNTRY WA.

BI TRANSEXUAL seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 34 yo, long dark hair, 164 cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-door-ish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country

life with my chickens and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. *I am a - Bisexual transsexual, Seeking - Bisexual Woman.* **Code WA-J1.**

MANDURAH / PERTH.

WHERE do all the Bi men, women & couple disappear to after the age of 55. The straights, gays & lesbians continue on satisfactorily, why can't we? Come on all you 55 plus people, lots of living & loving still left in this bi man, so lets get together. **Code WA-D3.**

MAYLANDS / PERTH.

BI GUY 44yrs 5'8", fit, healthy, like to try passive role while cross dressed. Average looks, build. Limited experience in this type of sex. **Code WA-M3.**

PERTH.

BI GIRL/STRAIGHT GUY COUPLE Bi girl 26, straight man 31 seek friendship, relationship with Bi girl. We are an attractive & loving couple and wish to meet a genuine Bi girl to share new experiences & fun times. Discretion assured & expected. Photo please. **Code WA-S5.**

PERTH.

FRIENDLY PENPAL WANTED. I am a 27 yo inexperienced Bi female who has no Bi friends to talk/write to and wants someone to share letters, stories or just to have a conversation with. All letters answered - I promise! **Code WA-W6.**

PERTH.

BI GIRL 25 seeks f.ship + r.ship with lady any age. Couples welcome as a guy would be nice also. Photo please. ALA. **Code WA-R5.**

PERTH.

BI MAN never too old! 65 yo retired potential bi, slim, clean shaven, fit, active seeks experienced bi guy for intimate friendship, must be slim, clean shaven, preferably married, late 50's to early 60's. **Code WA-D4.**

PERTH.

BI GUY 37 yrs, reasonable looks/build, active sportsman, steady professional job, enjoys dinner parties, music, relaxing with friends seeks Bi girl/couple for long term friendship/relationship. Non-smoking preferred. **Code WA-P3.**

PERTH.

BI GUY 35yrs slim build 5'7", fair, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, enjoys most things, good sense of humour, easy going would like to meet Bi woman for honest safe future. ALA. **Code WA-M1.**

PERTH.

BI GUY own business, 45yrs, married, 5'7", slimish, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, S.O.H. Into boating (own boat), gym, fishing, BBQ, outdoors, footy & cricket, meeting people. Interested in meeting younger Bi guys, Bi girls, married or single, small build, straight acting, under 5'7" for friendship and possible relationship, possible X-dress ALA. **Code WA-B2.**

PERTH - VICTORIA PARK.

PREOPERATIVE MALE-FEMALE TRANSEXUAL 37, seeks new friends to help explore her sexuality. I can only do this with people I like and trust, not with strangers. My interests include art, bulldada, books, science fiction, folk music, comics, films and eating out. I do not smoke or drink much but enjoy good conversation and food. Not into bondage but willing to try most safer sex practices. **Code WA-D5.**

OVER SEAS (OS).

HONG KONG.

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to ecstasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. **Code OS-K1.**

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
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